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AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated October 15, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.